

necessitated the immediate launching of public information activities on as wide a scale as possible,

Having examined the special report of the Secretary-General on the present state of dissemination of information on the United Nations in these Territories,¹⁰

Considering that the dissemination of information in pursuance of its resolution 1465 (XIV) is still far from satisfactory,

1. *Takes note* of the special report of the Secretary-General on the dissemination of information on the United Nations in the Non-Self-Governing Territories;

2. *Considers* that measures adopted thus far by some Administering Members for the dissemination of information on the United Nations among the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories do not include steps to secure the active support and participation of representative organizations of these inhabitants for the purpose of spreading such information;

3. *Invites* the Administering Members to make further efforts to secure the active support and participation of the aforementioned representative organizations;

4. *Further invites* the Administering Members to broaden the scope and accelerate the process of dissemination of information and to develop public awareness of, and interest in, the United Nations by making full use of facilities provided by the United Nations Office of Public Information for the purpose of disseminating information;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the quantity, quality and content of the material distributed, in order to meet the growing demand for such material and to assist the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories towards an easy and intelligent understanding of the aims and activities of the United Nations;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take action towards the establishment of information centres in Territories such as those in Eastern and Central Africa, Papua and the Caribbean Territories;

7. *Invites* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a report on the progress made in implementing the present resolution.

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1539 (XV). Participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 566 (VI) of 18 January 1952, 647 (VII) of 10 December 1952, 744 (VIII) of 27 November 1953 and 1466 (XIV) of 12 December 1959,

Considering that the direct participation of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the United Nations and of the specialized agencies is an effective means of promoting the progress of those Territories and their people towards the attainment of the objectives set forth in Chapter XI of the Charter of the United Nations,

¹⁰ *Ibid.*, Fifteenth Session, Annexes, agenda items 37, 39, 40 and 41, documents A/4471 and Add.1.

Recognizing that the participation of duly qualified indigenous representatives of the dependent peoples in the consideration of questions of fundamental concern to their welfare is not only useful and desirable but also essential at the present stage of development of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting that the participation of some Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of certain regional economic commissions and specialized agencies has proved a useful means of promoting the progress of the peoples of those Territories towards complete self-government or independence,

1. *Considers* that the direct participation of representatives of the indigenous peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the appropriate organs of the United Nations is in the interest of the peoples of those Territories and can do much to accelerate the process of their emancipation;

2. *Invites* the Administering Members to arrange for the participation of such representatives of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in the work of the appropriate organs of the United Nations;

3. *Further invites* such Administering Members as have not already done so to propose to the specialized agencies and the regional economic commissions that the Non-Self-Governing Territories participate in the work of those organs as members or associate members, according to the constitution of each organ, through such representatives;

4. *Decides* to include this question as a separate item on the provisional agenda of its sixteenth session;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixteenth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.

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1540 (XV). Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories

The General Assembly,

Having examined the report of the Secretary-General¹¹ on offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories under General Assembly resolution 845 (IX) of 22 November 1954,

Noting with satisfaction the further response to its resolution 845 (IX) inviting Member States to extend their offers of facilities for study and training to the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories,

Noting the increasing interest among the inhabitants of the Non-Self-Governing Territories in such offers, as indicated by the fourfold increase over the previous year in the number of applications for such facilities in 1959-1960,

Expressing regret that despite this increase a large number of the scholarships so offered by Member States remain unutilized,

Further expressing regret that in several instances the students who have been granted scholarships have not been accorded facilities to leave the Non-Self-Governing Territories in order to take advantage of such scholarships,

¹¹ *Ibid.*, documents A/4475 and Add.1-3.